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No major hiccups on election day

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission says no major hiccups were faced during election day yesterday.

As of 11am yesterday morning, CEC executive director Kayla Igitol said aside from all polling places opening on time, no major issues were faced at any of the polling places.

"This morning, all polls opened on time and that went smoothly. There were no delays. I did a site visit to Precinct 5 and everything was

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CHRYSTAL MARINO

The 2024 CNMI general elections tabulation of ballots began in earnest yesterday evening at exactly 8:03pm at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

Absentee ballots boxes are escorted to the U.S. Post Office as Commonwealth Election Commission staff pick up absentee ballots.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

While this year's election was smaller in scale compared to the CNMI's previous elections, the hearts and spirits of party supporters remain large. From as early as 6am, party supporters had tents and signs up in front of precinct polling places to show their support. Children and adults alike were seen waving and cheering on arriving voters as early as 7am. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

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While election day is

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Palacios: I'm very optimistic about the outcome

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Gov. Arnold I. Palacios is upbeat on the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands and independent candidates' chances in yesterday's 2024 general elections as he went around polling places on Saipan yesterday.

"I went around the whole island, to all the polling places, and they've got a good presence in every polling place. So, I'm very optimistic about the outcome. We'll see it tomorrow (today)," he said.

Palacios affirmed—through is his own

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RACQUEL H. FLOYD

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, fourth from the left, poses with Precinct 2 Democratic candidates. It's the last poll site of the 2024 CNMI general elections he visited yesterday.

'Above all I'm feeling grateful'

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Candidate for CNMI delegate James "Jim" Rayphand and several supporters show the No. 4 sign and show their love bright and early yesterday morning at the Precinct 1C voting site in Koblerville.

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Independent candidate for CNMI delegate to U.S. Congress James "Jim" Rayphand, shared his gratitude for all those who supported him. In a conversation with the media yesterday morning, Rayphand, standing with his supporters just outside the Precinct 1C voting site, in Koblerville, shared that as his campaign near its end he feels genuinely grateful "Above all I'm feeling grateful. grateful for all the

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Quincy Jones, the multitalented music titan whose vast legacy ranged from producing Michael Jackson's historic "Thriller" album to writing prize-winning film and television scores and collaborating with Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and hundreds of other recording artists, has died at 91.

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CHRYSTAL MARINO

Enthusiastic dancing and smiles were displayed by the lovely people at this Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands campaign tent in Koblerville yesterday.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

U.S. delegate candidate Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan), second from left, with Precinct 1 House of Representative candidates, from left, Reps. Vincent S. "Kobre" Aldan (Ind-Saipan) and Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho (D-Saipan) pose for a photo outside Dandan Middle School after voting.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

U.S. delegate candidate Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) with wife Daisy before entering the Dandan Middle School cafeteria to cast their votes.

KIMBERLY ESMORES

Rep. Marissa Flores (Ind-Saipan) and Customs and Biosecurity director Jose Mafnas greet voters outside Precinct 3's polling area.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Beautiful smiles, vibrancy, and lots of love at this CNMI Republican Party campaign tent in Koblerville yesterday.

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Precinct 2 House of Representatives candidate Daniel Aquino with wife Joann Aquino in front of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday afternoon.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

Precinct 1 candidate Rep. Vincent Seman "Kobre" S. Aldan (Ind-Saipan) smiles as he enters the voting area.

LEIGH GASES

Rep. Malcolm J. Omar (Ind-Saipan), center, is flanked by his family members in front of the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School poll site yesterday morning during the 2024 general elections.

KIMBERLY ESMORES

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), middle, along with his friends and family greet voters outside Precinct 3's polling area.

KIMBERLY ESMORES

Independent delegate candidate John Bolis Gonzales greets people on his way to cast his vote at the Precinct 3 polling area located in Garapan Elementary School.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Enthusiasm and support glows from this good-looking bunch yesterday in Koblerville at the campaign tent for Yvette Reyes Sablan, an independent candidate for Precinct 1 of the House of Representatives.

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GRATEFUL

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support we've gotten, surprisingly a good amount of support for such a small campaign."

Rayphand shared that he had placed his vote early this past Saturday, and at that time, with the voting ongoing he shared, "That's really it I'm grateful and thankful to everybody who supported, everybody that ran. You know I think we have to be grateful to all the candidates for stepping up. So, whoever wins we plan to support them."

He shared that even though it was his first time running for a political seat there was generally throughout the race, no overly large challenges. " I'd say no, man, it's a pretty easy process all together, and really a lot of friendly good vibes all around. As far as the process I didn't see anything... everything was fine with me."

Should he win he shared, "Whatever support we get that's good enough for me, but honestly I'll be glad with the campaign aside and get to work. I'm really excited about the work of the delegate. Campaigning is not my thing I think you guys may have noticed this I'm really a quiet campaigner. I've never been really a look-at-me type of person, but I'm really looking forward to the work of the delegate the office work."

When asked what made him run for the position, he shared "I didn't really feel like the other candidates were representative of me. They are all fine and good people in their own right they just don't represent me. I think I approach issues differently. I think I've had different experiences I just didn't feel like they represented me, and I'm thinking there's a lot more people like me who may feel the same. But again, I want to make it clear I don't want to disparage any of the candidates. I tried to make this clear all along. It's been a friendly campaign, I just feel like I bring a different perspective, different experience. "

He shared that throughout the campaign, he had shown the community what he genuinely believes, completely unscripted. "I really stepped into all of these things without a script, just with what I generally believe and what a general group of people believe."

As for the number of votes cast, CEC said a total of 266 was cast in Precinct 1B-1, 294 at Precinct 1B-2 as of 3pm and 259 at Precinct 1C as of 3:49pm. As of 4:06pm, 291 were cast at Precinct 1A.

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known as the chance for community members to have their voices heard in the selection of their leaders, others see it as a chance to get together with family members in solidarity to support their candidates.

While others saw it as a chance to meet old friends and family members, others saw it as a chance to network and make new friends with fellow party members.

According to some, they were able to make new friends through campaigning stating that there is no deeper bond than the bond of fellow party members. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

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For the first time, I was tasked with covering this year's election and it is not for the faint of heart. Aside from having to jet from poll place to poll place, I was also given a chance to see up close and personal how ballots are tabulated and the ins and outs of tabulation machine.

I learned that there is no room for error when it comes to this impeccably precise machine. I was truly amazed at how far technology has come in terms of tabulating votes. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

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A flash of bright pink. Got to give it to the Democrats for flair and hype for sure. It was about 3:45pm and scorching hot, and yet the wearer of that pink Harris and Walz shirt lifted his hands and swayed his hips in dance like he was used to the heat. And his fellow blue supporters showed their passion as well, giving the loudest "Biba!" I heard yesterday of the election precincts I covered. That's showing out. Bringing the party for your party. Respect ***(Chrystal Marino)***

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The volunteers or workers at the polling sites, at the least the ones I met at Precinct 1B-1, 1B-2, and 1C were some of the sweetest people ever. Despite being on their feet for nearly, or more than 8 hours, and in the heat no less, they kept their smiles and the good vibes. One woman who assisted me in the curbside voting that morning, was still smiling when I returned later that afternoon for my reporting. I could hear the jokes being made among their fellow workers, and some even to me. One of these workers, who who would remain anonymous, shared that the humor helped those getting tired "We've been here for the whole day, we got to make some jokes," he laughed. Workers at another voting site which I will not mention, did point out to me, that if I wanted, there was usually free lunch at campaign tents for supporters. I ended up not going, but I genuinely appreciated the gesture. I got to shout out these guys. I'm grateful for them. ***(Chrystal Marino)***

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The heat definitely took a toll on campaigns yesterday afternoon. Past 3pm the heat was so intense most supporters had to hide under the shade or they took turns to wave by the road, rotating with others, but despite this, people stayed there showing their support, even the *man'amko*. I have mad respect for all of them. ***(Chrystal Marino)***

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Passionate, and yet chill, printed and painted signs, music or no music, the Republican Party tents I saw were a beautiful mix of a younger and older generation, united in their politics, and they were so sweet and kind. I felt like I wanted to hug some of them. As a slightly introverted person myself, the people I met in these tents, made me feel a lot more comfortable. ***(Chrystal Marino)***

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Independents are a vibe, like literally. Also spanning various ages, this group, lowkey, had some of the coolest, chill people I met in the campaign yesterday, and yet, you can tell they are also motivated to show their support. I didn't see any beefing between these parties and others. In fact, I saw two people, while promoting their candidates showed their hats which promoted another party's candidate for a House seat. To me it shows that, a person has the right to vote not limited to their party, but which person, they feel can represent them better. Someone who can be their voice. ***(Chrystal Marino)***

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Covering the midterms is totally different from the general election I covered for the first time in 2022. This time around, the poll stations were less crowded and busy for obvious reasons—that there were less candidates to vote for. However, it had a similar sense of urgency for supporters gathered outside the polling places as they displayed the names and faces of their candidates, and almost frantically waved at each car that passed. It was particularly not as busy at the Precinct 4 poll area in the Jesus Mafnas Legislative Building on Capitol Hill. The nice sergeant-at-arms who ushers voters in and out of the building told me it's always been relatively quiet in that polling area during elections. This year though, the tents of the supporters of the candidates are near the highway 150 feet away instead of across or adjacent to the building due to disruptions in past elections, the sergeant-at-arms explained when I asked why they were quite far. ***(Leigh Gases)***

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At the northernmost poll booth in San Roque at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, it was a little livelier, with the main road to enter the school clad with tents and colors of Edwin Propst's supporters on one side, and Kimberlyn King-Hinds' supporters on the other. They all waved as I drove down to the school. There, at the front of the school, was Malcolm Omar and some family members who just finished voting. They took selfies and I exited my car and asked them if they wanted me to take their photos, which they obliged. ***(Leigh Gases)***

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Tanapag's polling area at the Tanapag Community Center had a much bigger supporter presence as the apartment building's parking lot right across the middle school was lined with tents and supporters. There, I saw Thomas Manglona from KUAM interviewing a Caucasian man in a cowboy hat who turned out to be lawyer Jim Bob Kingman. On the main Tanapag road, was a tent with James Rayphand supporters, waving at each car that passed by. ***(Leigh Gases)***

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running smoothly," she said.

One of the major changes made this election compared to the last, Igitol said, is that the CEC board has agreed to start tabulating early voting ballots while staff reconcile precinct ballots.

"The board formulated themselves into a tabulation committee voted in favor of tabulating early voting ballots as soon as the first precinct comes in with their ballots. Then, while [staff] are reconciling, hopefully early voting ballots will be done and after that, we can start putting the ballots for the first precinct that's ready into the tabulation machine," she said.

Igitol also discussed early voting and officially, 5,960 early voters came out throughout the whole seven-day period. The number includes early voters from all three islands.

"Early voting was a success; it went smoothly on all three islands. We had 5,960 voters during the seven days early voting period. This is a combination of all three islands," she said.

Meanwhile, Igitol shared that the weather has been cooperative with the U.S. Coast Guard able to transport a CEC representative and representative from the Office of the Public Auditor to the Northern Islands in time for elections.

"On Nov. 3, the U.S. Coast Guard came and was able to transport our CEC representative down to Northern Islands. They should be arriving today," she said.

Lastly, Igitol expressed her excitement of finally having a full committee in time for elections.

"We have a full team; we have eight members and I'm so happy. The only vacancy right now is for Saipan. This is the first time, since I've been employed with CEC, that we have had eight members on the commission. We usually have five or seven but never more," she said.

In related news, *Saipan Tribune* interviewed poll workers at the Precinct 3 area located at Garapan Elementary School who confirmed that elections went smoothly with no major issues.

"However, it was slow. We had an hour where the number of voters coming in spiked, but after that, it was slow and smooth sailing," the poll worker stated.

Saipan Tribune also managed to interview Precinct 3 voters Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and independent delegate candidate John Oliver Bolis Gonzales who shared that the experience was good.

"Along with thousands of other CNMI residents across the Commonwealth, I cast my vote with a deep sense of pride and civic responsibility today. Voting is one of the ways that citizens across our islands can have a meaningful say in the future of our islands, and I am thankful for those who took the time to vote either today or earlier during the early voting period or through filling absentee ballots. I also thank and commend the hard working and dedicated staff of the Commonwealth Election Commission, public safety personnel, and other public servants and volunteers for ensuring a smooth, safe, and orderly election day," Palacios said.

"Voting today was so special and such a solemn act to cap this almost one year of clean, respectful, and tactful campaign. Independent, no special interest, just the interest of our people. I am excited, I am immensely grateful and profoundly thankful. I can't wait for a new dawning for the CNMI where we can reboot, refresh, renew collectively in solidarity to fix what truly is dysfunctional in our community," said Gonzales.

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observation—that the election was peaceful and said that peaceful elections are the norm of the region. He also acknowledged that while people get excited, the election usually proceeds smoothly without significant incidents in the CNMI.

The governor also expressed his satisfaction with the democratic process and commended the people who came out to vote.

Palacios arrived past 2pm in the afternoon yesterday at the In-Dems tent located in front of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe.

According to Palacios, the JKPL poll site is the last polling place he visited, though he still might have a plan to go back to the Garapan Elementary School pollimg site where he voted early morning yesterday.

"I went to all the polling places today, so this is the last one probably I'm going down to Garapan," said Palacios.

The governor mentioned that "midterm" elections typically have lower turnouts compared to general elections.

"It's not going to be as high as the general election, that's usually the case with midterms, you know but it's up to the candidates now to get their base out," said Palacios.

The governor also emphasized the importance of candidates mobilizing their base to vote, expressing optimism about the outcome despite the lower expected turnout.

Propst comes out to vote

Meanwhile, U.S. delegate candidate House floor leader Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) expressed his joy and pride as he emphasized the importance of exercising his constitutional right and voting for the right people after exercising his right to suffrage at Dandan Middle School yesterday morning.

"I feel wonderful. I love every time we vote, it's a great feeling just exercising, of course, our constitutional right, but making a difference and trying to vote for the right people, and I believe that's what I did, along with my wife Daisy and my son, who turned 18. He is going to vote later on today. [I'm] so very excited," said Propst.

At around 9:30am yesterday, Propst along with Precinct 1 representatives seeking re-election Reps. Vincent Seman "Kobre" Aldan (Ind-Saipan) and Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho (D-Saipan) were seen waving from inside their tents located in front of the Dandan Middle School.

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JKPL holds truly spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat

SKYLEE SANTOS

Attendees enjoy the Halloween-themed festivities at Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Trunk-or-Treat event last Thursday, posing for photos in front of an "Inside Out" backdrop. Volunteers, easily recognizable in orange vests, help manage the event flow and ensure a safe, family-friendly experience.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

The Saipan Centennial Lions Club booth at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Trunk-or-Treat event last Thursday.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

The Saipan Leo Club booth at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Trunk-or-Treat event last Thursday.

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Families gathered in full Halloween spirit at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library parking lot for an enchanting Trunk-or-Treat event last Thursday from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. This well-coordinated celebration brought together volunteers, library staff, and AmeriCorps members to create a safe, memorable experience for local children and their families.

The event's structured flow, from one creatively decorated trunk to the next, ensured a festive yet orderly celebration for the hundreds of costumed attendees.

Volunteers, easily identifiable in bright vests, worked efficiently to maintain the flow of visitors, guiding families in neat lines between vehicles, each adorned with unique Halloween decorations. Themes ranged from cobweb-covered skeletons to cheerful pumpkins and friendly ghost cutouts, giving attendees of all ages a chance to immerse themselves in the Halloween spirit. In one standout booth, Marianas Powerhouse used a spooky guillotine prop alongside three haunting costumes, while another trunk featured an "Inside Out" photo backdrop, popular among trick-or-treaters eager to snap memories of the night.

As dusk fell around 5:30pm, Halloween music and soft orange and purple lights added a magical glow to the parking lot, enhancing the ambiance without drowning out the laughter of excited children. The efficient setup allowed families to enjoy each trunk without feeling rushed, ensuring that everyone could fully appreciate the effort put into each display.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

People diligently line up at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Trunk-or-Treat event last Thursday.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

Halloween decorations themes during Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Trunk-or-Treat ranged from cobweb-covered skeletons to cheerful pumpkins and friendly ghost cutouts.

RACQUEL H. FLOYD

The long line at the at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Trunk-or-Treat event last Thursday extended to the Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe.

For many volunteers, the event was more than just service hours. "It feels nice seeing many families together, and I truly enjoyed interacting with them and building a stronger connection with the community," said an AmeriCorps volunteer. The preparations, which included dividing candy, assembling decorations, and gathering volunteers, demonstrated the community's commitment to making the event run smoothly and creating lasting memories for attendees.

By 6:30pm, the event wrapped up with families departing with candy-filled bags and smiles on their faces. Volunteers reflected on their positive experiences, with one mentioning the value of receiving advice, encouragement, and support from fellow community members. The Trunk-or-Treat event was not only a celebration but a testament to community bonds and teamwork, fostering a welcoming environment for all who participated.

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Florida consumers would pay the price for Trump's mass deportation idea

Republicans clearly are enamored with Donald Trump's promise of "mass deportations" of undocumented people as a solution to the border crisis; about 86% say they approve of the idea, according to a September Scripps News/Ipsos survey. Some Democrats agree, about 25%, in the same poll.

But even if you think rounding up and deporting a million people a year—which Trump running mate JD Vance recently called a "starting point"—is something we should do in this country, land of immigrants, what about the massive economic pain this idea is likely to inflict, especially in South Florida?

Consider this stunning statistic: According to the American Immigration Council, one in 20—or 1 million—residents in Florida could be deported under this proposal, as the Miami Herald wrote Wednesday. One in 20? Just how much of the work force are we willing to lose to this ill-considered and inhumane idea?

In Miami-Dade County, as in many parts of the country, we are heavily reliant on immigrants—with documents but also, critically, without—to work in hotels, on farms, in restaurants, on construction sites and in our all-important tourism industry. Many of those are jobs Americans won't do.

The council's report sketched out devastating potential consequences to Florida, including the loss of a total of 5% of its population. That would hit hard in industries like agriculture and construction. Can we really afford to worsen housing costs in this already overpriced state?

If even part of Trump's promise were to come true—he wants to deport 13.3 million undocumented or otherwise removable immigrants in "the largest deportation effort in American history"—Floridians have already gotten a glimpse of what would happen, and it isn't pretty.

Last year, backed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 1718, requiring private companies with more than 25 workers to use the federal E-Verify database to screen workers. It also made it a crime to transport an undocumented immigrant across state lines and required hospitals to ask about immigration status.

Before the ink was even dry on DeSantis' signature, immigrants began moving out of the state, worsening an already tight labor market. (The state unemployment rate remains at just 3.3%.) Even some of those here legally moved, afraid for undocumented family members.

The federal government estimates that about 40% of farmworkers are undocumented. In Florida, after the law was passed, farmers didn't have enough people to pick the crops. Vegetables rotted in the fields. Some farmers said they would avoid hiring more than 25 people to bypass the new law.

Similar legislation was passed in Georgia in 2011. The worker shortage that followed cost an estimated $140 mil-

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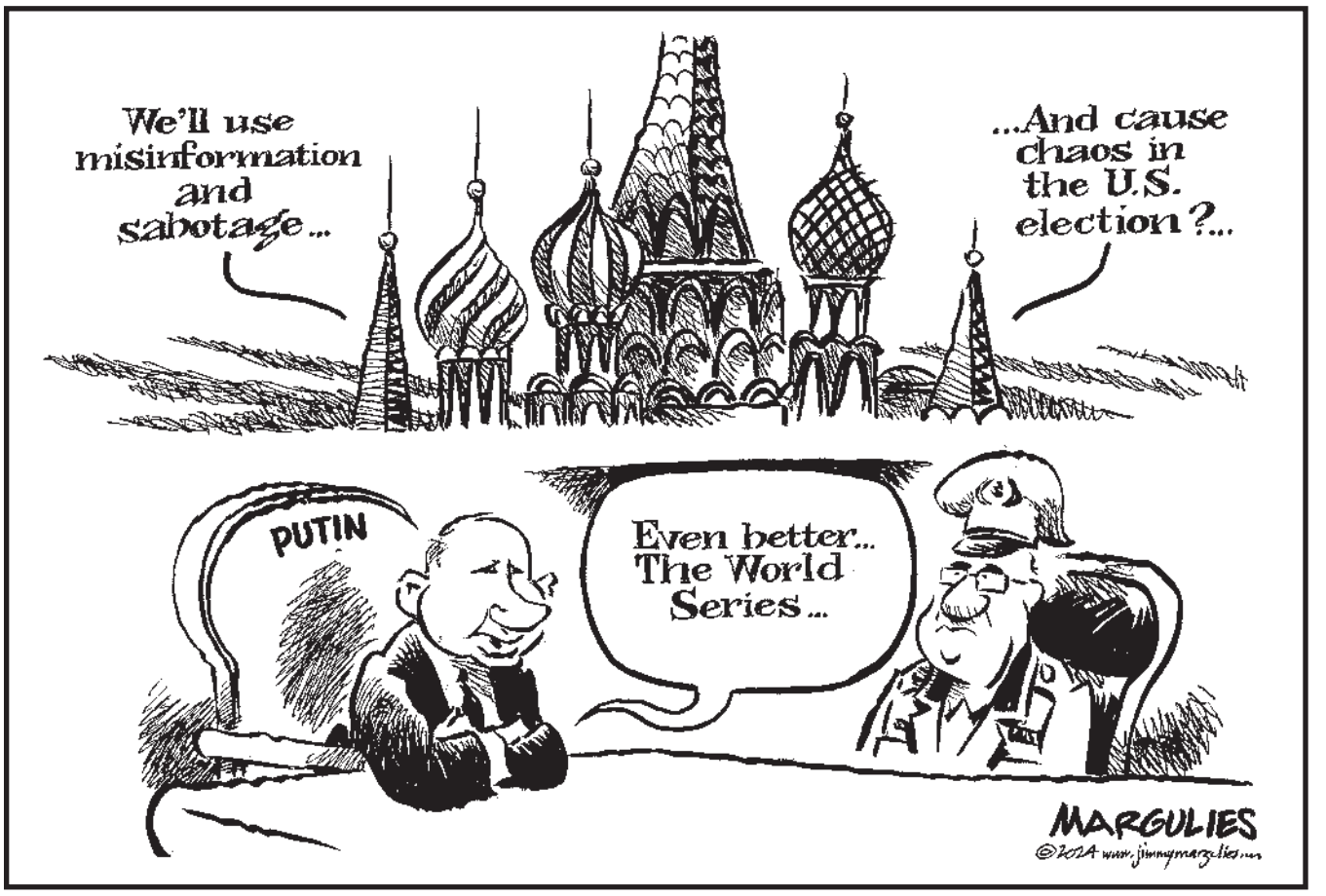

North Korea troop deal exposes Putin's weakness

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Russian President Vladimir Putin is suffering grievous manpower losses as a result of his illegal and immoral invasion of Ukraine. He has lost around 200,000 killed, double that number wounded, and at least 500,000 young men fleeing the Russian Federation to avoid the draft: a butcher's bill of over a million.

As a result, he is turning to international sources of additional manpower—Chechens, Cubans, and, most recently and dramatically, North Koreans. At least 10,000 Korean foot soldiers are headed to the battlefields of Ukraine to fight and die in a cause that must be utterly bewildering for them. They will be strangers in a strange land indeed, and you can bet Kim Jung Un is holding their families hostage to prevent desertions. Many North Korean soldiers will die and some will desert despite the consequences, but their military impact will likely be insignificant.

In exchange, Kim will probably receive new advanced technology: better satellites, more precise ballistic missile guidance systems, nuclear weapons advice and more refined cyber tools. This will threaten South Korea – which is objecting vociferously. Of course, the U.S. agrees with that assessment and will condemn both Russia and North Korea.

But we should understand that this transaction is clearly an indication of Russian weakness, not strength. Putin has been essentially forced to solicit a bargain with his fellow dictator in the isolated Hermit Kingdom. What does it mean for global geopolitics?

Stepping back from the tactical impact, which will become clear as the winter unfolds, there is a larger strategic point to be made about Russia's declining place in the international world. As John McCain said a decade ago, "Russia is a gas station masquerading as a country." Meaning its economy is a one-trick pony, or perhaps a two-trick pony if you count oil and gas.

Russia is now expending over 30% of gross domestic product on military spending (hardly an investment in a diversified economy); it's under major sanctions from nations representing over half of the world's GDP and has around $300 billion in assets frozen in Western banks, which will likely end up reconstructing Ukraine. With a major brain drain as the smart young males and their partners flee the draft, it has a demographic problem of the first order as the population continues to age and decline.

And despite Putin's apparent iron grip on power, consider this: A hundred years ago, another Russian autocrat thought he had an iron grip on power—control of the diplomatic corps, all branches of the military, the secret service, the elites of the nobility, everything that mattered. That was Nicholas II, the last czar. He and his family were executed in a dirty basement in the Urals.

Just a summer ago, Yevgeny Prigozhin, leader of the feared and powerful Wagner Group and former Putin chef, staged a rebellion that led his forces to the outskirts of Moscow before it became clear that the Russian Air Force wouldn't support him. He was ultimately executed by a "mysterious" explosion of his private jet between Moscow and St. Petersburg. The lesson of his rebellion is clear: While Putin appears to have control, the forces of opposition—on both the liberal and conservative fronts—are always on a slow boil. Such is Russia.

For the West, the real concern, of course, is a nuclear arsenal of roughly 5,600 warheads. During the turbulent period following the fall of the Berlin Wall, there were serious worries about the centrifugal forces pulling apart the Russian Federation—the core of the old Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The best course of action for the West should include remaining deeply mindful of Putin's nuclear arsenal. It should also include concern about where those weapons end up in a chaotic endgame following a messy regime change in Moscow. That means we need to be doing a deep dive on prospective replacements for the current czar, requiring good signals and human intelligence as close as we can get to the court of Putin. Our ability to track nuclear weapons in the case of Russian chaos is important—something we developed at the end of the Cold War but has atrophied now.

It also means strengthening the NATO alliance, which collectively remains the best bulwark to further Russian decline and chaos. Ensuring that Ukraine has a path to full NATO membership, probably with a "halfway house" of strong security guarantees is important in the face of potential Russian collapse. All of this, of course, will be dependent on the next occupant of the White House. If Team Trump takes power, their well-known skepticism over NATO and affinity for Putin will make this more difficult.

All of this is deeply unsettling and full of bad choices. Is it better to see Russia collapse and Putin be overthrown, but with a chaotic landscape and loose nukes? Or to see Putin remain in control to continue to threaten Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Estonia, and other European countries?

No good answers, but it clearly makes sense to prepare for the full spectrum of outcomes, especially as we watch Russia flail in Ukraine and recruit North Koreans for their fight. Not a good sign of a stable regime, to say the least. We should be prepared for a wide range of endgames, including a rapid collapse of a rotten regime in Moscow.

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Mainstream media has hit rock bottom in 2024 election

By JOE BATTENFELD
Boston Herald

The 2024 election marks the collapse of the mainstream media as we know it.

Major news organizations have hit rock bottom, losing viewers and exposed as breeding grounds for liberal activists posing as reporters—losing credibility by the day.

A new Gallup poll shows trust in the media has reached a low point, even lower than Congress. Less than a third of Americans express a "great deal" or "fair amount" of confidence in the media to report the news "fully, accurately and fairly."

More Americans—36%—have no trust in the media, and another 33% say they don't have very much confidence.

That's more than two thirds of America that has lost faith in the mainstream media. It's appalling.

You want to talk about a threat to democracy? The fact that the media has become a sellout is the real danger.

"Something we are doing is clearly not working," Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos wrote.

In fact among a list of 10 civic and political institutions in this country, the media rank the lowest of all in trust.

Just 12% of Republicans have a great deal or fair amount of trust in traditional media, while just 27% of independents do. And more and more young people are rejecting the media as not trustworthy.

It's not surprising that Republicans have no belief in the media, given the growing liberal bias that has infiltrated so many newspapers and TV stations.

The mainstream media complain about Donald Trump calling them "the enemy of the state," then they go ahead and validate that by their lopsided coverage of the presidential race and politics.

A new analysis by the conservative Media Research Center found that 85% of the TV news coverage of Trump has been negative, while a whopping 78% of the coverage of Kamala Harris was positive. This is the biggest spread yet in decades of analysis by the Research Center.

In fact it's remarkable that Trump has closed in on Harris in the polls and the race is now too close to call.

MSNBC ran footage of a Hitler rally during a Trump event. And when the mother of a woman killed by a migrant held a press conference, CNN cut away to a panel discussion led by anti-Trumper Jim Acosta.

There is a disappearing line now between the editorial side of the media and news side. It's pretty much gone.

It's why when Bezos killed an endorsement of Kamala Harris, reporters and editors all around the country were apoplectic. Some resigned. Why would reporters even care about the editorials? They are supposed to be objective.

The bias is partly why many voters are turning to podcasts, YouTube and social media to get their news, bypassing the traditional media outlets. Even the candidates themselves are doing it.

Electoral College rules are a problem. A worst-case tie may be ahead

By KEVIN JOHNSON and ALEX KEYSSAR
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It's the worst-case presidential election scenario—a 269–269 tie in the Electoral College. In our hyper-competitive political era, such a scenario, though still unlikely, is becoming increasingly plausible, and we need to grapple with its implications.

Recent swing-state polling suggests a slight advantage for Kamala Harris in the Rust Belt, while Donald Trump leads in the Sun Belt. If the final results mirror these trends, Harris wins with 270 electoral votes. But should Trump take the single elector from Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District—won by Joe Biden in 2020 and Trump in 2016—then both candidates would be deadlocked at 269.

In case of a tie—or any scenario with no candidate winning a majority of electoral votes—the House of Representatives picks the president and the Senate chooses the vice president, and, yes, they could come from different parties. The House's contingency election gives each state one vote, meaning Wyoming and Vermont have the same impact as California and Texas.

This year, a contingency election would almost certainly result in a victory for Trump—Republicans have held a majority of congressional delegations for many years, including when Democrats won more seats in the House. This unrepresentative tiebreaker would probably occur after a Harris popular vote victory, further underscoring the deep flaws of this system.

Of course, the chances are low the election gets "thrown to the House"—it has occurred only twice, the last time exactly 200 years ago. But even if rare, the presidential contingency mechanism impacts our politics on a regular basis.

In a democracy it should be possible—and desirable—for new parties to emerge and to challenge the status quo with policy alternatives and new leadership. But in the United States a new party faces the near certainty that its presidential candidate would throw the election to an undemocratic vote in the House or "spoil" the election by "stealing" votes from a politically similar candidate. Facing such prospects, alternative political groups often stay on the sidelines, as No Labels decided to do this year. And if parties aren't competing for national leadership, they'll lack the stature to compete for other major offices as well.

There are many other significant hurdles to creating strong third parties in the U.S. such as first-past-the-post elections for most public offices, anti-fusion laws and stringent ballot access requirements. Together these forces have made the United States a rarity in the democratic world. We are the only country where no new party came to power in the 20th century. Even countries like England, France and Canada that—like us—use single-member districts for the legislature have more than two parties seriously contending for power.

Our completely binary politics starves voters of a range of choices—for president, and on down the ballot. Perhaps more dangerously, binary politics fuels the vilification of opponents and the competing versions of truth that increasingly dominate our national narrative.

Removing disincentives to new party formation is a critically important goal requiring a range of reforms. This presidential season it is worth focusing on the part that the presidential tiebreaker plays. The vast majority of countries with directly elected presidents have a two-round runoff system, providing citizens the opportunity to consider new parties and enabling greater innovation and dynamism in the party system.

France is a case in point. Amid widespread political dissatisfaction, almost a dozen candidates contested the first round of the 2017 French presidential election. The surge of support for Emannuel Macron's new Renaissance party carried him to the presidency and catalyzed a paradigm shift in French politics. The runoff rule was critical in allowing this to happen. Studies in Latin America likewise find that presidential countries using a runoff election score higher on formation of new parties and on overall democracy—as runoffs encourage moderation and give victors the "legitimacy of majoritarianism."

We too can do this. Proposals to amend or abolish the Electoral College have circulated for two centuries, and an amendment calling for a direct popular election with runoff nearly passed in 1970. A current modification that would not require an amendment is the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which would ensure a majority of electoral votes for the popular-vote winner, ending the risk of an election thrown to the House. Ranked choice voting (which is often called "instant runoff voting") is another path to reducing the risks of the Electoral College contingency mechanism.

In 1992, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., proposed an amendment maintaining the Electoral College but establishing a second round if no candidate reached an electoral vote majority. Arguably, we could fix many of the system's flaws by taking McConnell's amendment and adding to it a requirement that states allocate electors proportionally rather than by winner-take-all, which would greatly expand the number of competitive states. That approach would keep the Electoral College, which many conservatives will fight hard to protect—not a perfect solution but perhaps a feasible one.

When McConnell introduced his amendment, it was Republicans who'd likely lose a thrown-to-the-House election since they controlled fewer state delegations. That's a valuable reminder that both parties can be threatened by undemocratic Electoral College rules. Similarly, in 2004 George W. Bush came close to being a popular vote winner and Electoral College loser, and it's certainly possible that a Republican could suffer that fate in a future election.

The challenges are huge and the record of failed attempts daunting. But we can find new ideas, alliances and motivation from understanding how the Electoral College hurts our politics on a regular basis. Addressing once and for all the archaic Electoral College is a critical step in building a robust and innovative democracy for the 21st century.

FLORIDA

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lion in crop losses that year, according to the immigration council's Oct. 2 report.

And what happens when employers can't find enough workers? Wages have to go up to attract employees. Guess who pays for that: consumers.

Even if, in these inflationary times, you're willing put your wallet on the line and pay more for produce and construction and restaurant meals, that's far from the end of the projected financial impacts. Since this effort would require the construction of detention camps, deporting people could run about $88 billion a year by some estimates. One huge deportation could conservatively cost $315 billion, according to the American Immigration Council. That's taxpayer money, of course.

The financial impact would stretch far beyond Florida, too. Even the annual U.S. GDP would likely take a hit — the report estimates the GDP could drop by up to 6.8%. And local government would feel the pain. The report noted that undocumented immigrants paid nearly $70 billion in local, state and federal taxes in 2022 alone.

Americans are fed up with the border problems. Fair enough. But a massive deportation to try to solve that issue will only serve to create far worse problems and pass the pain on to all of us. Florida, a state with one of the largest foreign-born populations, should know better than to fall for this unsound idea.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy.	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy.	A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny.	A chance of showers. Partly sunny.	A chance of showers. Partly sunny.
85° 79°	85° 79°	85° 79°	85° 79°	86° 78°

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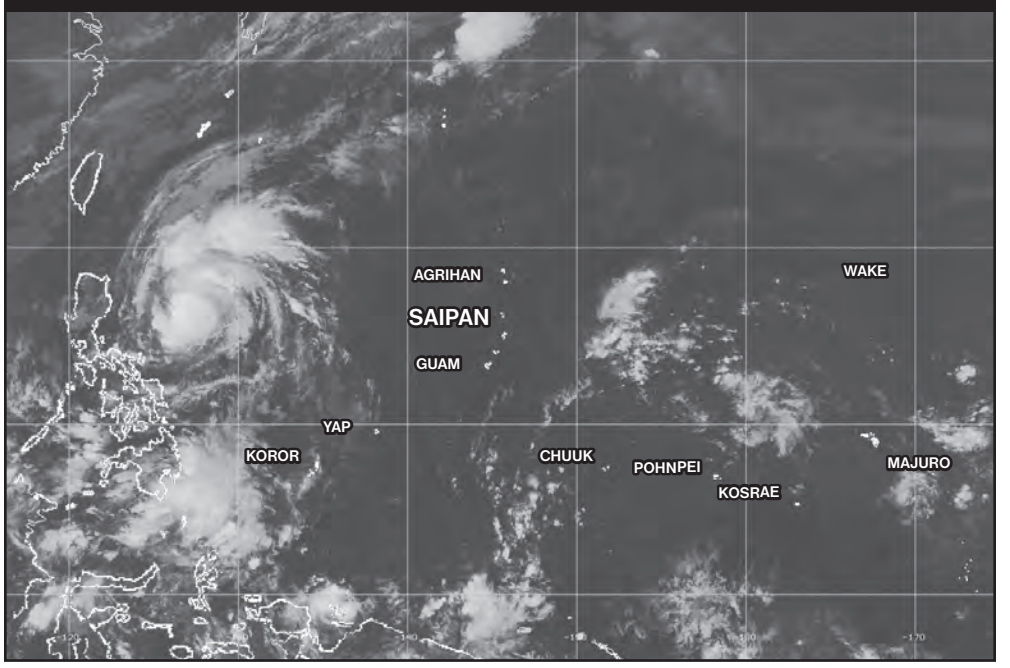

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No immediate changes were needed for the forecast tonight. Isolated showers are expected over the next 24 hours. Surf may rise a foot on north and east facing reefs, risk of rip currents will remain medium on north and east facing reefs and low on south and west facing reefs.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: https://www.weather.gov/gum/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	88° / 78°
Yap	Sunny	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Sunny	87° / 81°
Pohnpei	Sunny	85° / 77°
Kosrae	Sunny	85° / 77°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 81°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	10:09 AM	9:26 PM	-
Thursday	11:03 AM	10:25 PM	-
Friday	11:54 AM	11:24 PM	-
Saturday	12:42 PM	-	-
Sunday	-	12:22 AM	1:26 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Cloudy	66° / 57°
Beijing	Fair	55° / 31°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	81° / 70°
London	Cloudy	57° / 54°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	84° / 61°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	90° / 63°
Miami	Thunderstorms	80° / 69°
New York	Partly Cloudy	57° / 46°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	75° / 63°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	52° / 43°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	57° / 36°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	63° / 48°
Salem	Cloudy	64° / 48°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	68° / 54°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	66° / 39°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 57°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	62° / 44°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
4:13 AM	Low Tide	-0.33
11:50 AM	High Tide	1.64
5:00 PM	Low Tide	1.30
9:06 PM	High Tide	1.55

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA076	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	1:20PM	4:00PM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily
UA183	7:55PM	9:50PM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA076/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA076/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	2:30AM	6:25AM	Daily
7C3212	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX77	3:05AM	5:55AM	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	5:30PM	10:05PM	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	00:40AM	6:25AM	3, 6
PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	10:55PM	4:40AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184	00:40AM	8:50AM	3, 6 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:50AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:50AM +1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
7C2306/3407	11:20PM	3:30PM+1	Daily

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3211	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily
TW307	8:00PM	1:30AM+1	Daily

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

HX76	6:25PM	1:35AM+1	4, 7

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	08:30	09:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	10:30	11:00	Daily
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	11:30	12:00	Saturday & Sunday
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:30	14:00	Monday To Friday
3104	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	11:30	12:00	Monday To Friday

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	12:30	13:00	Monday To Friday

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1201	SAIPAN	TINIAN	7:30	7:45	Daily
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1206	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1207	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2101	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2106	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2107	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

Business

Wall Street drifts ahead of Election Day and manic week for markets

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. stocks drifted lower Monday ahead of a momentous week full of potential flashpoints in Washington, D.C., and around the world.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.3%, though it remains near its record set last month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 257 points, or 0.6%, while the Nasdaq composite slipped 0.3%.

Intel fell 2.9%, and chemical producer Dow sank 2.1% in their first trading since getting notified they'll no longer be included in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway dropped 2.2% and was one of the heaviest weights on the market after reporting a drop in operating profit for the latest quarter.

But the majority of stocks within the S&P 500 rose, including a 2.8% gain for Fox after it reported a stronger profit than expected. That was despite increases in some costs, including for newsgathering at Fox News to cover this election cycle.

Election Day will arrive Tuesday, though its result may not be known for some time as officials count all the votes. That's raised fears about the possibility of sharp swings around the world because markets infamously hate uncertainty.

History may be less foreboding. The broad U.S. stock market has historically gone on to rise regardless of which party wins the White House. And in 2020, U.S. stocks climbed immediately after Election Day and kept going even after former President Donald Trump refused to concede and challenged the results, creating plenty of uncertainty. A large part of that rally was due to excitement about the potential for a vaccine for COVID-19, which had just shut down the global economy.

"Bottom line – the US election is incredibly important, but the process is likely to be incredibly noisy," according to Michael Zezas, a strategist at Morgan Stanley.

For markets, Zezas also points to how prices may have already moved ahead of expected outcomes from the election. A win for Trump this election could mean U.S. tariffs on Mexican imports, for example, which could hurt the value of the Mexican peso. But the peso has already fallen against the U.S. dollar in recent months, which could limit further moves if a Trump win were actually to happen.

A Trump victory would be less of a surprise to markets this time around than in 2016, when Treasury yields soared on expectations for tax cuts that could further inflate the nation's debt or fuel a stronger U.S economy. Treasury yields have already climbed in recent weeks, in part due to rising expectations in some market corners for a Trump win, along with a spate of data showing the U.S. economy has remained stronger than feared.

On Monday, Treasury yields gave back a chunk of those gains. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.29% from 4.38% late Friday.

Another investment that's become a barometer in the market for Trump's perceived chances of victory swung sharply through the day. After veering between losses and gains through the morning, Trump Media & Technology Group ended up rising 12.4%.

The stock of the company behind Trump's Truth Social platform had been ripping higher from a bottom in September, until it hit a wall last week and dropped at least 11% in three straight days.

AP

A screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Nov. 4, 2024 shows a broadcast talking about Kamala Harris and Donald Trump.

GRMC launches PerfectServe to enhance care team communication and elevate patient care

DEDEDO, Guam and KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Guam Regional Medical City is thrilled to announce the launch of PerfectServe, an advanced clinical communication platform designed to transform physician collaboration and significantly improve patient care through real-time connectivity. The platform streamlines communication workflows and gives clinicians instant access to on-call schedules, robust message tracking capabilities, and automatic redirection when intended recipients are unavailable.

> **» Platform streamlines provider collaboration to ensure faster, more coordinated care for patients**

"This platform is a groundbreaking development for GRMC," said Dr. Alexander "Beau" Wielaard, GRMC CEO. "Our providers are focused on finding innovative ways to improve the overall health of our community–this includes identifying the barriers to accessing timely care that our patients need, and we see PerfectServe as the opportunity to do just that."

"We're honored to support Guam Regional Medical City as they work to improve the health of their community," says Miriam Halimi, VP of Clinical Informatics at PerfectServe. "PerfectServe is designed to meet the unique needs of healthcare organizations of all sizes, and our solutions ensure that critical communication between care team members is seamless and secure. We look forward to contributing to GRMC's mission of providing exceptional care to their patients through more efficient and coordinated workflows."

Transforming communication and care delivery

In the first phase of the implementation, PerfectServe successfully brought 15 departments live at GRMC, onboarding approximately 1,500 users—spread across both inpatient and outpatient locations—onto the platform. This also included integrating PerfectServe with GRMC's EHR, enabling clinicians to access critical information and communicate seamlessly across different systems.

The next phase of the project will involve automating the delivery of critical lab results, consult orders, and nurse call alerts—enhancements that will continue to drive efficiency and better patient outcomes.

Prior to PerfectServe, GRMC staff had limited, manual communication processes, often relying on the call center to track down on-call schedules and follow up on unanswered messages. This lack of structure placed a significant burden on staff, especially the call center agents, who handled much of the coordination manually. With PerfectServe, these issues are resolved through automated workflows and escalations, dramatically improving response times and freeing up staff for more critical tasks.

Supporting GRMC's unique needs

The implementation also introduced enterprise emergency alerting capabilities, a key feature given Guam's location. GRMC can now rapidly notify staff about critical events such as tsunamis or military activity, ensuring that response teams are mobilized quickly and efficiently in times of crisis. Additionally, PerfectServe's platform supports communication with staff members who may be off-site, traveling to the mainland U.S., or otherwise not physically present at the hospital. This flexibility is invaluable, especially for team members who are on call or have to respond to urgent messages while away from the facility.

Finally, the 14-hour time difference between PerfectServe's implementation team and the staff at GRMC required extraordinary coordination. Both teams demonstrated a high level of commitment, often working early mornings and late nights to ensure a smooth rollout. Flexibility and dedication were instrumental in the success of the project, setting the stage for ongoing improvements and collaboration.

To learn more, visit www.grmc.gu or visit GRMC's Facebook and Instagram pages @grmcguam.

About PerfectServe

PerfectServe accelerates speed to care by optimizing provider schedules, streamlining clinical communication, and engaging patients and their families in the care experience. Our cloudbased software simplifies complex clinical workflows and schedules with secure and timely communication by dynamically routing messages to the right person at the right time. We drive more efficient care collaboration in all settings to improve patient outcomes and bring joy back to caregivers. PerfectServe has 25 years of experience and is a trusted partner to more than 500 hospitals and 30,000 medical practices. ***(PR)***

US agency ends investigation into Ford engine failures after recall and warranty extension

DETROIT (AP)—The U.S. government's auto safety regulator has ended a 2 1/2-year investigation into Ford engine failures after the company replaced engines or extended the warranty on some vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says in documents posted Monday on its website that its analysis traced the problem to intake valves that can fracture inside some 2.7-liter and 3-liter turbocharged engines.

Documents say the probe opened in May of 2022 ended up covering more than 411,000 vehicles from the 2021 and 2022 model years including the Ford F-150 Bronco, Edge and Explorer as well as the Lincoln Aviator and Nautilus.

The agency was looking into catastrophic engine failures caused by intake valves fracturing, dropping into the cylinder and hitting the piston.

The documents say a forensic analysis of fractured valves found that when the they were made by a parts supplier, the temperature got too high, making them brittle and likely to fracture during normal engine use.

An analysis of failure report data found that the faulty valves were made from May through October of 2021, the agency said. Ford contended that not all valves produced during this period were faulty and that a vast majority of the failures happened before the vehicles were driven 20,000 miles.

An agency statistical analysis to predict the number of failures, and an analysis of failure reports "are generally consistent" with Ford's determination that the valves would fail at low mileage, and the majority of vehicles with the faulty valves "have already experienced a failure," the agency said.

Earlier this year Ford recalled about 91,000 vehicles with valves made during the suspect period. They'll be tested and get a new engine if necessary. The company also extended the warranty on vehicles with valves made during the period to 10 years or 150,000 miles, the documents said.

During the investigation, the agency said it found 396 customer complaints, 825 warranty claims and 936 engine replacements. There were no reported crashes or injuries.

Nation

ON NIGHT BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Harris brings in celebrities

On the night before Election Day, at campaign events across the country, celebrities turned out in force for Kamala Harris ' presidential bid.

The battleground state of Pennsylvania was particularly starry: In Pittsburgh, the vice president's rally featured Cedric the Entertainer, Katy Perry and Andra Day. In Philadelphia, the finale of Harris' daylong dash across Pennsylvania, performers and presenters included DJ Cassidy, Fat Joe and Ricky Martin.

Republican Donald Trump was decidedly unimpressed with Harris' celebrity lineup.

AP

Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during a campaign rally at Carrie Blast Furnaces in Pittsburgh, Monday, Nov. 4, 2024.

At his own rally in Pittsburgh, which overlapped with Harris' event in the city, the former president criticized Harris for one celebrity endorsement in particular: Beyoncé. He spoke dismissively about Beyoncé's appearance at a Harris rally with Harris in Houston last month, drawing boos for the megastar from his supporters.

» Trump is unimpressed

"Beyoncé would come in. Everyone's expecting a couple of songs. There were no songs. There was no happiness," Trump said.

Beyoncé did not perform at the event but was joined onstage by her Destiny's Child bandmate Kelly Rowland, and gave a joyful, impassioned speech met with cheers.

Previously, Beyoncé allowed the Harris campaign to take on her 2016 track "Freedom," a cut from her landmark 2016 album "Lemonade," as its anthem.

Trump added that Harris should have learned a lesson from Hillary Clinton and had Beyoncé speak after her, saying, "That way the people stay."

In 2016, Beyoncé performed at a campaign event for Democratic nominee Clinton in Cleveland in the days leading up to the election.

"They booed like hell, but the press didn't play that," Trump continued in his description of Beyoncé's appearance at the Harris event.

He insisted his campaign doesn't need celebrities to pack in a crowd, adding: "We don't need a star because we have policy. We have great policy."

At another point in the same rally, though, he enthused: "So many celebrities here, it's incredible: Mike Pompeo, please stand up," introducing his former secretary of state.

Trump also was joined by Megyn Kelly and baseball star Roberto Clemente's son.

Harris lined up performers to speak and play at campaign rallies in all seven battleground states on Monday, and melded them all into one Democratic get-out-the-vote livestream.

In Las Vegas, performers included Christina Aguilera and electro-dance duo Sofi Tukker. In Raleigh, North Carolina, Sugarland, the country music duo of Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush, took the stage. ***(AP)***

Foreign threats to US election are on rise, officials are moving faster to expose them

WASHINGTON (AP)—A presidential candidate's phone is hacked. A fake video falsely shows ballots burned in Pennsylvania. National security officials warn that U.S. adversaries may incite violent protests after Election Day.

These developments—all revealed in the past week—show how Russia, China and Iran have increased the pace of efforts to meddle in American politics ahead of next month's election, just as intelligence officials and security analysts had predicted.

At the same time, officials, tech companies and private researchers have adopted a more aggressive defense by swiftly exposing foreign election threats, highlighting the lessons learned from past election cycles that revealed America's vulnerability to disinformation and cyberespionage.

Officials say the U.S. election system is so secure that no foreign nation could alter the results at a scale necessary to change the outcome. Nevertheless, authoritarian adversaries have leveraged disinformation and cyberespionage to target campaigns and voters while stoking distrust and discord.

Here's what to know as the presidential election approaches:

Russia is the most active and sophisticated nation working to manipulate the U.S. election, using fake websites, state-controlled media and unwitting Americans to spread misleading and polarizing content aimed at undermining confidence in elections.

The Kremlin's disinformation apparatus seizes on contentious issues like immigration, crime, the economy or disaster relief. The goal is to weaken the U.S., erode support for Ukraine as it fights off Russian invaders and reduce America's ability to counter Russia's growing ties to China, North Korea and Iran, officials have said.

Intelligence officials and private security analysts have determined that Russia supports former President Donald Trump, and is using disinformation—sometimes AI-generated—to smear his Democratic opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris. Trump has praised Russian President Vladimir Putin, suggested cutting funds to Ukraine and repeatedly criticized the NATO military alliance.

World

WORLD BRIEFS

N. Korea fires barrage of ballistic missiles toward sea ahead of US election

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea fired a barrage of short-range ballistic missiles into the sea on Tuesday, its neighbors said, as it continued its weapons demonstrations hours before the U.S. presidential election. Japanese Defense Minister Gen Nakatani said at least seven North Korean missiles flew as far as 400 kilometers (250 miles) with a maximum altitude of 100 kilometers (60 miles). He said they landed in the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. "North Korea's actions, including a series of repeated missile launches, threaten the peace and safety of Japan, the region and the international community," Nakatani said. South Korea's military also detected several missile launches by North Korea and subsequently boosted its surveillance posture. The North Korean missiles could be used to target key facilities in South Korea, including U.S. military bases there. The launches came days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised a flight test of the country's newest intercontinental ballistic missile d esigned to reach the U.S. mainland. In response to that launch, the United States flew a long-range B-1B bomber in a trilateral drill with South Korea and Japan on Sunday in a show of force. That drew condemnation from Kim's powerful sister Kim Yo Jong, who on Tuesday accused North Korea's rivals of raising tensions with "aggressive and adventuristic military threats." South Korean officials have said that North Korea was likely to dial up its military displays around the U.S. presidential election to command the attention of Washington. South Korea's military intelligence agency said last week that North Korea has also likely completed preparations for its seventh nuclear test.

Death toll in Lebanon crosses 3K in 13-month Israel-Hezbollah war, Health Ministry says

BEIRUT (AP)—The 13-month war between Israel and Hezbollah has killed more than 3,000 people in Lebanon, the country's Health Ministry said on Monday, more than double the number of people killed since their last major war two decades ago. The war shows no signs of ending, and Israel has said it is carrying out new operations targeting Hezbollah infrastructure across Lebanon and in parts of Syria while Hezbollah continues to launch dozens of rockets into northern Israel. Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel the day after Hamas' surprise attack into Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 ignited the war in Gaza. Hezbollah and Hamas are both allied with Iran. For nearly a year, the conflict was mostly contained to the areas along the border between Israel and Lebanon. The conflict dramatically escalated on Sept. 23 with intense Israeli airstrikes on south and east Lebanon as well as Beirut's southern suburbs, leaving hundreds dead and leading to the displacement of nearly 1.2 million people. Israel began a ground invasion of south Lebanon on Oct. 1, causing wide destruction in border villages but making little advances on the ground inside Lebanon. Israel says it is destroying Hezbollah weapons and command centers near the border, including an extensive tunnel system built by Hezbollah. The Lebanese Health Ministry said 16 people were killed and 90 injured in attacks on Sunday, bringing the death toll to 3,002. At least 13,492 have been injured. The ministry does not differentiate between civilians and Hezbollah fighters in its toll. Israel claimed hundreds of Hezbollah fighters have been killed. In Israel, 72 people have been killed by Hezbollah attacks, including 30 soldiers, according to the prime minister's office. More than 60,000 people have been displaced from their homes.

Germany's top diplomat is in Kyiv as Ukraine girds for impact of US election on war

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Germany's top diplomat arrived Monday in the Ukrainian capital on an unannounced visit, in what appeared to be a show of European support for Ukraine on the eve of a U.S. presidential election that could bring far-reaching changes in Washington's policy toward Russia's all-out invasion of its neighbor. Germany is Ukraine's second biggest weapons supplier after the U.S. Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock vowed that Berlin's backing would remain steadfast. "Together with many partners around the world, Germany stands firmly by Ukraine's side," she said, German news agency dpa reported. "We will support the Ukrainians for as long as they need us so that they can continue on their path to a just peace." The war is at a critical moment for Ukraine, with the Russian army making creeping gains on the battlefield and another hard winter ahead after Russia relentlessly battered the Ukrainian power grid. With his army under severe Russian pressure in the eastern Donetsk region, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Monday that Western military aid deliveries have accelerated, including for artillery. The grinding attritional warfare being fought in Ukraine requires large amounts of ammunition, and Ukrainian officials have long grumbled that Western pledges of support take too long to arrive. Zelenskyy said Ukraine is also trying to strengthen its air defense systems. Russia is currently deploying about 10 times more Iranian-made Shahed drones than it was this time last year, he said.

Heavy rains in Barcelona disrupt rail service as troops search for more flood victims in Valencia

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Continuing storms in eastern Spain that led to massive flooding last week and killed at least 217 people, mostly near Valencia, dumped rain on Barcelona on Monday, prompting authorities to suspend commuter rail service. Spanish Transport Minister Óscar Puente said he was suspending all commuter trains in northeast Catalonia, a region with 8 million people, at the request of civil protection officials. Mobile phones in Barcelona screeched with an alert for "extreme and continued rainfall" on the southern outskirts of the city. The alert urged people to avoid any normally dry gorges or canals. Puente said the rains had forced air traffic controllers to change the course of 15 flights operating at Barcelona's airport, located on the southern flank of the city. Several highways have been closed due to flooding. Classes were cancelled in Tarragona, a city in southern Catalonia about halfway between Barcelona and Valencia, after a red alert for rains was issued.

Life & Style

Multitalented music titan Quincy Jones dies at 91

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

Quincy Jones, the multitalented music titan whose vast legacy ranged from producing Michael Jackson's historic "Thriller" album to writing prize-winning film and television scores and collaborating with Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and hundreds of other recording artists, has died at 91.

Jones' publicist, Arnold Robinson, says he died Sunday night at his home in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles, surrounded by his family. Jones was to have received an honorary Academy Award later this month.

"Tonight, with full but broken hearts, we must share the news of our father and brother Quincy Jones' passing," the family said in a statement. "And although this is an incredible loss for our family, we celebrate the great life that he lived and know there will never be another like him."

Jones rose from running with gangs on the South Side of Chicago to the very heights of show business, becoming one of the first Black executives to thrive in Hollywood and leaving behind a vast musical catalog that includes some of the richest moments of American song and rhythm. Over the past half century, it was hard to find a music lover who did not own at least one record with Jones' name on it or someone in the music, television or movie industries who did not have some connection to him.

Jones kept company with presidents and foreign leaders, movie stars and musicians, philanthropists and business leaders. He toured with Count Basie and Lionel Hampton, arranged records for Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald, composed the soundtracks for "Roots" and "In the Heat of the Night," organized President Clinton's first inaugural celebration and oversaw the all-star recording of "We Are the World."

AP

Michael Jackson, left, holds eight awards as he poses with Quincy Jones at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Feb. 28, 1984.

In a career that began when records were still played on vinyl at 78 rpm, singling out any work seems unfair. But honors likely go to his productions with Jackson on "Off the Wall," "Thriller" and "Bad," albums universal in their style and appeal. Jones' versatility and imagination fit perfectly with the bursting talents of Jackson as he sensationally transformed from child star to the "King of Pop." On such classic tracks as "Billie Jean" and "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'," Jones and Jackson drew upon disco, funk, rock, pop, R&B and jazz and African chants. For "Thriller," some of the most memorable touches originated with Jones, who recruited Eddie Van Halen for a guitar solo on the genre-defying "Beat It" and brought in Vincent Price for a ghoulish voiceover on the title track.

"Thriller" sold more than 20 million copies in 1983 alone, helped Jackson become the first major Black artist to have a video played on MTV and influenced countless performers.

"Michael had the look and the voice, and I had every sound you can think of," Jones would explain.

The list of his honors and awards fills 18 pages in his 2001 autobiography "Q": 28 Grammys (out of 80 nominations), an honorary Academy Award and an Emmy for "Roots." He also received France's Legion d'Honneur and the Rudolph Valentino Award from the Republic of Italy. In 2001, Jones was named a Kennedy Center Honoree for his contributions to American culture. He was the subject of a 1990 documentary, "Listen Up: The Lives of Quincy Jones," and his memoir made him a bestselling author.

"Despite all the Grammys and the special awards and testimonials that maturity bestows, it will always be the values you carry within yourself—of work, love, and integrity—that carry the greatest worth, because these are what get you through with your dreams intact, your heart held firm and your spirit ready for another day," he wrote in his book.

Born in Chicago in 1933, Jones would cite the hymns his mother sang around the house as the first music he could remember. But he looked back sadly on his childhood, telling Oprah Winfrey that "There are two kinds of people: those who have nurturing parents or caretakers, and those who don't. Nothing's in between." Jones' mother suffered from emotional problems and was eventually institutionalized, a loss that made the world seem "senseless" for Quincy. He spent much of his time in Chicago on the streets, with gangs, stealing and fighting.

Taylor Swift watches Travis Kelce and Chiefs play Buccaneers after wrapping US leg of Eras Tour

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Pop superstar Taylor Swift was back at Arrowhead Stadium on Monday night to see the Kansas City Chiefs and her boyfriend, Travis Kelce, play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after wrapping up the U.S. leg of her record-setting Eras Tour.

Swift played the last of three shows at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Sunday. The rest of her tour heads to Canada with the first of six shows at Rogers Centre in Toronto on Nov. 14 and three shows in December at BC Place in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Swift began her high-profile romance with Kelce last season, when he invited the "Anti-Hero" singer to watch him in a September matchup with the Bears. Since then, the two have spent plenty of time together, often with cameras following every move.

Swift's arrival in a black outfit and Chiefs coat Monday night came on the eve of the presidential election, in which the 14-time Grammy winner has thrown her support behind Vice President Kamala Harris. That created a stir when Harris' rival, Donald Trump, began to reference Swift's friend and quarterback Patrick Mahomes' wife, Brittany, as a supporter of his campaign.

Patrick Mahomes has declined to endorse anyone in the election, instead urging people to register to vote.

Partner wants intimacy only with a third participant

DEAR ABBY: I'm in an open relationship with my partner. We both enjoy hooking up with other people, but only if we agree on the person. It was going great; I still got my one-on-one time with my partner. But now it seems that instead of making love with just me, the only time he wants to touch me is if someone else comes over. What's the best way to approach him about it? Should I suggest we stop inviting people over for that type of fun?

ADVENTUROUS LADY

DEAR LADY: Your partner appears to have lost interest in one-on-one intimacy. If that's the case, you need for him to own up so you can adjust your life accordingly. Healthy relationships, open or closed, involve honest communication. If you are unhappy with the way your relationship has devolved, you have every right to say so.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 58 and a recovering addict. I used drugs and alcohol for 30-plus years, and now I have 20 months clean, thank God. Throughout my addiction, I had a friend who was my strong supporter. I always regarded him as a friend, since he was there when I was actively addicted.

Now that I'm clean, he wants to step it up and go from friends to a relationship. Yes, I care for him, but he wants to get married without first getting to know the real me. He's a hard worker who doesn't drink or smoke. He just works and comes home. He's just the type of man I've been looking for. Please advise me on what I should do.

CLEAN AND SOBER IN FLORIDA

DEAR CLEAN AND SOBER: Your statement that this man wants to get married without first getting to know the real (I assume you mean sober) you speaks volumes to me. It tells me you are making mature, well-thought-out judgments, for which I congratulate you. He may be just the type you are looking for, but postpone marriage until you are certain that he knows and can accept the new strong and sober you.

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DEAR ABBY: We have vegetarian and vegan friends. Over the years, when we have invited them over for a celebration, we (omnivores) always make sure to include dishes that they will enjoy. But when they invite guests for dinner, they never—ever—include a meat dish, not even a piece of chicken.

I have asked around and, apparently, that's the experience of everyone. Don't you think a little reciprocity is in order? As it is, the hospitality rule seems decidedly one-sided. If the vegans worry about (to them) inedible leftovers, they can always provide a doggy bag for their guests.

ONE-SIDED IN THE WEST

DEAR ABBY

BY ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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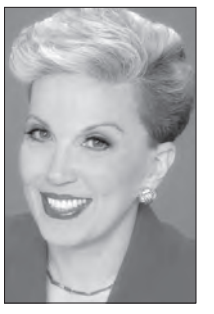

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DEAR ONE-SIDED: Please consider this your wake-up call. Many vegans and vegetarians do not want meat, chicken or fish in their kitchens. If, in addition to what they provide, you feel the need to consume animal protein, consume some before you go to their home or afterward. If this does not suit you, respond to their invitation with polite regrets.

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Pastimes

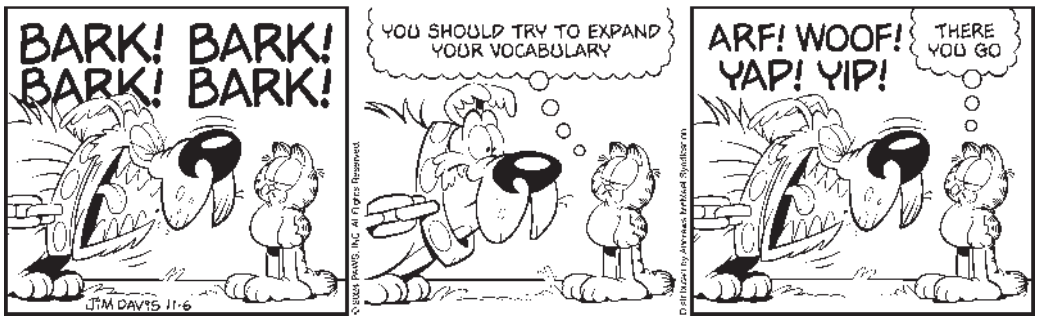
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I WAS READING ABOUT HOW COUNTLESS SPECIES ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARD EXTINCTION BY MAN'S DESTRUCTION OF FORESTS.
SOMETIMES I THINK THE SUREST SIGN THAT INTELLIGENT LIFE EXISTS ELSEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE IS THAT NONE OF IT HAS TRIED TO CONTACT US.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

SO, YOUR BOOK HAS A RADIOACTIVE TURKEY ATTACKING THE FIRST THANKSGIVING?
YEAH.
HOW DID HE GET IRRADIATED BACK THEN?
HE ATE A URANIUM-LACED PUMPKIN PIE.
OBVS.
RIGHT? I'M SURPRISED NOBODY'S DONE IT BEFORE.
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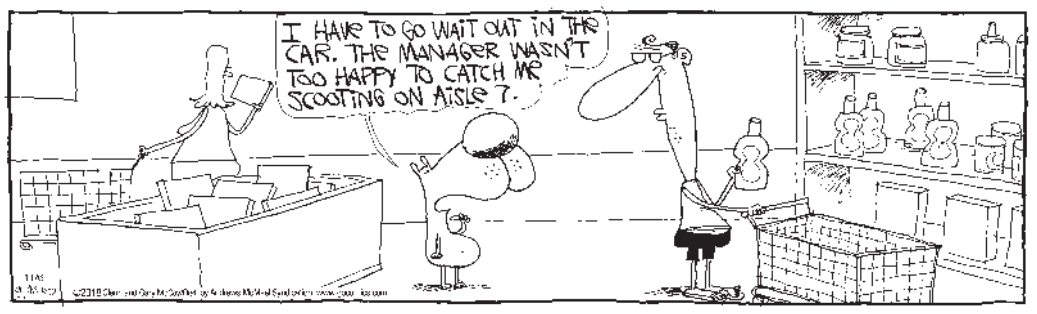
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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34 Houston ball club, briefly
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23 Extra Dry deodorant
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30 Fibbed
31 Burrowing critter
35 Lacking detail
38 Screwdriver spirits
40 Like some humor
42 Serena, to Venus
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47 Bits of butter
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52 U.S. Army vessel
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54 Medit. nation

Solution time: 23 mins.

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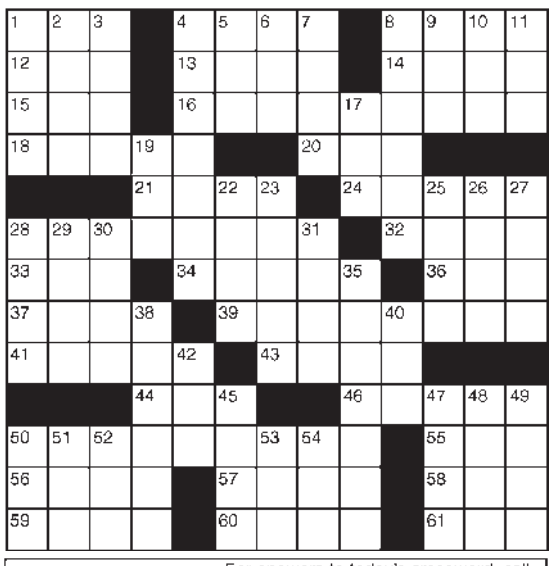
Yesterday's answer 11-6



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Emma Stone, 36; Ethan Hawke, 54; Maria Shriver, 69; Sally Field, 78.

Happy Birthday: Dig deep, and you'll discover all you need to know to further your ambitions. Stop agonizing over things you cannot change and shift gears to enforce a positive attitude structured toward gaining access to a lifestyle that offers less stress and a better chance of finding the happiness you deserve. Think outside the box and apply discipline and physical attributes to turn your pursuits into something tangible. Live life your way. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 27, 32, 38, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Take advantage of any opportunity to explore new places, go on an adventure or reconnect with someone from your past who enjoys the same things as you. A deliberate move will face opposition, but with ingenuity and energy, you will overcome any obstacle you encounter. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Embrace change, and doors will open. An opportunity to adopt a healthier lifestyle or choose home improvements that add to your convenience is apparent. Participate in an event or join a group that embraces your desired values, skills or pastimes. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Fact-check; if you believe everything you hear, disappointment will prevail when the truth unfolds. Change only what's feasible and don't count on old quotes being honored. Get up to speed, find out where you stand and negotiate a deal you can handle financially. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Spice up your life and take on something that excites you or encourages you to use your skills differently. Let your intuition lead the way when dealing with personal and professional connections. Don't expect everyone to be honest. Trust your instincts, and you'll know when to make a move. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Ramp up your energy levels; make the changes that satisfy your soul and put a smile on your face. Taking care of business will encourage you to take advantage of an opportunity to socialize, network or expand your circle of friends, interests and pastimes. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Get out and see what's happening in your neighborhood, but avoid getting trapped by someone pushing their agenda or trying to separate you from your cash. Sign up for a seminar or class that will encourage you to make a lifestyle change that enriches your life. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Keep your thoughts to yourself and your emotions invisible. Size up situations carefully and determine what others want before you make promises. Explore what interests you. Start a conversation with someone who can broaden your scope about something you want to pursue. Self-improvement and personal growth are favored. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Reach out to those sharing your goals or offering incentives to help you further your agenda. Staying active will help you avoid negative interactions with someone looking for a fight. A change at home that makes your life and achieving your goals easier will pay off. Expand your mind. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Review investments, medical concerns or contracts. The extra time spent will reveal information that can spare you from making an untimely mistake. Trust your instincts over what others try to lead you to believe. Think fast and stay ahead of anyone who challenges you.✪✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Look at situations from different perspectives and consider the most cost-effective way to manage your response. Demonstrating your reliability will lead to an unexpected opportunity involving financial gain. A change will boost your morale and confidence, giving you the charisma to outshine anyone who challenges you. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Clear up unfinished business. The less you must deal with, the easier it will be for you to recognize and take advantage of an opportunity. Ask questions and demonstrate what you can contribute. Define your objective, and an offer will be made to meet your needs. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Listen, keep your thoughts to yourself and only reveal what you will do and what you expect in return. If something sounds too good to be true, take a pass and stick to what's realistic and within your budget and capabilities. Don't let love lead you astray. Avoid excess. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, ambitious and hardworking. You are social and dynamic.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty: ★★★ 11/6

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty: ★★ 11/5

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST Solution: 7 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Comparing

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Cavs beat Giannis-less Bucks for 8th straight win to start season

CLEVELAND (AP)—Darius Garland scored 39 points, Evan Mobley added 17 and the Cleveland Cavaliers improved to 8-0 with a 116-114 win on Monday night over the Milwaukee Bucks, who played without injured superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo.

The Cavs also went 8-0 in 1976.

Garland drained a go-ahead three-pointer with 45 seconds left and the Cavs rallied down the stretch, outscoring the Bucks 18-8 over the final 6:06.

Jarrett Allen added 14 points, 15 rebounds and had a huge block on Milwaukee's Damian Lillard in the final seconds.

Lillard scored 36 for the Bucks, but committed a costly turnover when he was called for an over-and-back violation with 56 seconds left.

Bobby Portis added 21 points and 18 rebounds for Milwaukee, which has lost six in a row.

It was Cleveland's second win in three days over Milwaukee. On Saturday, Donovan Mitchell made a jumper in the final seconds to give the Cavs a 114-113 win.

Antetokounmpo sat out with a strained adductor muscle, an injury the two-time MVP sustained during the loss to Cleveland.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Darius Garland (10) goes to the basket past Milwaukee Bucks guard Andre Jackson Jr. (44) in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, in Cleveland.

CELTICS 123, HAWKS 93

ATLANTA (AP)—Jayson Tatum scored 26 of his 28 points in the first half, and the Boston Celtics routed the Atlanta Hawks 123-93 for their third straight win.

Tatum also had nine assists and six rebounds and did not play in the fourth quarter with the Celtics comfortably in front.

Hawks guard Trae Young left the game in the third quarter with a right rib strain. He was 1 for 10 from the floor and finished with two points and six assists in 23 minutes.

Derrick White had 21 points and six assists for Boston. Payton Pritchard scored 18 points off the bench.

The Celtics lost both games in Atlanta last season, blowing a 30-point lead in one game and losing the other in overtime.

The Celtics have won 16 straight when Jaylen Brown does not play. Brown has missed the last two games with a left hip flexor strain.

WARRIORS 125, WIZARDS 112

IN WASHINGTON (AP)—Stephen Curry scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half in his return from an ankle injury and the Golden State Warriors won their fourth straight game, 125-112 over the Washington Wizards.

The first three games of Golden State's winning streak came without Curry, but he was able to start against the Wizards, although he played only 24:05. Curry opened the scoring with a 3-pointer, then didn't score again until his buzzer-beating 3 at the end of the first half gave the Warriors a 54-45 lead.

Buddy Hield scored 20 points, part of another strong contribution from the Golden State bench. The Warriors' reserves outscored Washington's 60-33. Golden State has averaged an edge of 24 points per game in bench points so far this season.

Jordan Poole led Washington with 24 points Kyle Kuzma (right groin strain) missed his third straight game for the Wizards, and Marvin Bagley III (illness) also sat out.

Washington Commanders quarterback Jayden Daniels was at the game and received a huge ovation from the crowd.

KINGS 111, HEAT 110

MIAMI (AP)—Domantas Sabonis scored off an offensive rebound with 0.7 seconds left, and the Sacramento Kings rallied from 15 points down to beat the Miami Heat 111-110 on Monday night.

DeAaron Fox scored 28 for Sacramento, while DeMar DeRozan finished with 26. Sabonis - who grabbed Fox's miss in the final moments and made the game's final basket - finished with 16 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists.

Jimmy Butler scored 15 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and Tyler Herro added 27 for the Heat. Bam Adebayo - on the night his Olympic gold medal banner was unfurled - scored 16 for Miami, which got 13 from rookie Pelle Larsson.

Terry Rozier's 30-footer at the buzzer missed for the Heat, who were seven for 12 from the foul line in the fourth. Sacramento improved to 6-31 all-time at Miami.

PISTONS 115, LAKERS 103

DETROIT (AP)—Cade Cunningham had 17 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his third career triple-double and the Detroit Pistons beat the Los Angeles Lakers 115-103 on Monday night.

Jaden Ivey matched a season high with 26 points. Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 19 points, Tobias Harris had 15 points and Jalen Duren had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Anthony Davis scored 37 points for Los Angeles, and LeBron James had 20 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds. Davis appeared to hurt his left ankle late in the fourth quarter, but stayed in the game.

Austin Reaves added 17 points on 7-of-17 shooting for the Lakers.

Detroit got off to a strong start, leading 33-22 after a quarter, and maintained control of the game all night.

ROCKETS 109, KNICKS 97

HOUSTON (AP)—Alperen Sengun had 25 points and 14 rebounds, and the Houston Rockets held on for a 109-97 win over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

Houston led by 15 points early before the Knicks got within one late in the fourth quarter. But Sengun, who was guarded by Karl-Anthony Towns, scored 10 points in the final period to help the Rockets put it away.

Fred VanVleet added 19 points for Houston and Jalen Green had 15.

Jalen Brunson led the Knicks with 29 points and OG Anunoby added 21. Towns had 17 points and a season-high 19 rebounds.

JAZZ 135, BULLS 126

CHICAGO (AP)—Keyonte George had 33 points and nine assists, John Collins added 28 points and 13 rebounds and the Utah Jazz won for the first time this season, beating the Chicago Bulls 135-126.

The injury-depleted Jazz (1-6) entered as the NBA's worst team offensively, averaging 99.8 points on 39.1 per cent percent shooting. Against Chicago, the Jazz shot 53.9 per cent from the floor and were 45.7 per cent from 3-pointer range at 16 of 35.

Collin Sexton added 24 points for Utah, and Walker Kessler had 12 points and 15 rebounds.

Chicago's Coby White came on in the second half to score 28 points, tying it twice late in the third quarter. But the Bulls, playing without injured leading scorer Zach LaVine, were unable to take the lead after falling behind by 15 points.

Ayo Dosunmu scored 25 points on 9-for 13 shooting, and Nikola Vucevic had 23 points for Chicago. The Bulls have lost two in a row to drop to 3-4.

TIMBERWOLVES 114, HORNETS 93

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Naz Reid had 25 points and nine rebounds, and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Charlotte Hornets 114-93.

Anthony Edwards scored 21 points, while Donte DiVincenzo added 14 and Julius Randle had 13 for Minnesota, which hit 18 of 38 3-pointers (47.4 per cent), while holding Charlotte to 10 for 42 (23.8%) from beyond the arc. Rudy Gobert added eight rebounds and eight points, all on dunks.

LaMelo Ball scored 19 points for Charlotte. Miles Bridges, Brandon Miller and Tre Mann each added 10.

TRAIL BLAZERS 118, PELICANS 100

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Anfernee Simons scored 24 points, Deandre Ayton had 19 points and 13 rebounds and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the injury-depleted New Orleans Pelicans 118-100 on Monday night.

Toumani Camara and Jerami Grant each scored 16 points for the Trail Blazers, who trailed for most of the first three quarters. Portland surged ahead in the fourth, when Canadian Dalano Banton entered the game and scored 20 points in a single period.

Brandon Ingram was the Pelicans' only usual starter in uniform for a second straight game and scored 27 points.

Pelicans star forward Zion Williamson was scratched from the lineup with right hamstring and quad tightness for a second straight game. New Orleans was also without starters Dejounte Murray, CJ McCollum, and Herb Jones, along with prominent reserves Trey Murphy III and Jordan Hawkins.

Brandon Boston Jr. scored 20, getting a spot start because Hawkins, who'd been starting recently for McCollum, was unable to play a second straight night through lower back tightness.

Jose Alvarado added 18 points for New Orleans.

THUNDER 102, MAGIC 86

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Jalen Williams scored 23 points, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 21 points and nine assists and the Oklahoma City Thunder defeated the Orlando Magic 102-86 to remain the only unbeaten team in the Western Conference.

Chet Holmgren added 14 points, nine rebounds and two blocks for the Thunder. Oklahoma City has won all seven of its games by at least 12 points.

Franz Wagner scored 22 points, Jalen Suggs had 19 points, six assists and and six rebounds and Goga Bitadze added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Magic. Orlando (3-5) played without injured starters Paolo Banchero and Wendell Carter Jr.

Orlando newcomer Kentavious Caldwell-Pope was held to six points on one-for-7 shooting while Anthony Black made one of eight field goals and scored three points.

PACERS 134, MAVERICKS 127

DALLAS (AP)—Myles Turner had season highs with 30 points and 11 rebounds while going over 8,000 career points, Tyrese Haliburton had a season-best 25 points and 12 assists and the Indiana Pacers beat the Dallas Mavericks 134-127.

Dallas cut a 10-point deficit to five with 1:47 left before Haliburton hit a pull-up 17-footer with 50 seconds left. Pascal Siakam added 23 points for Indiana.

Luka Doncic had 34 points and 15 assists for the Mavericks, who split a home back-to-back. Kyrie Irving scored 27 points and Naji Marshall matched a career high with 20 points off the bench, 16 more than he was averaging going into play.

The Pacers played their first game without power forward Isaiah Jackson, who sustained a torn right Achilles tendon Friday night and is out for the season.

Dallas' Dereck Lively II was out with a sprained shoulder. Maxi Kleber missed his fifth consecutive game because of a hamstring injury.

Mahomes throws 3 TD passes, Hunt scores TD in OT as Chiefs beat Buccaneers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Chiefs coach Andy Reid watched as the Buccaneers drove down the field in the final minute of regulation, and Baker Mayfield threw a touchdown pass that put Tampa Bay within a 2-point conversion of ending Kansas City's perfect start to the season.

Bucs coach Todd Bowles admitted to giving "very minor" thought to going for 2 before kicking the extra point that sent the game to overtime.

"I'm glad he didn't," Reid said with a smile.

That's because the Chiefs won the ensuing coin toss, and Patrick Mahomes capped a big day—291 yards passing and three touchdowns on a gimpy ankle—by going 5 for 5 on the only drive of overtime. Kareem Hunt finished it off, along with his 106-yard rushing performance, by plunging into the end zone from 2 yards out to give Kansas City a 30-24 victory on Monday night.

"Everybody had a piece of this," Reid said.

DeAndre Hopkins had eight catches for 86 yards and two TDs. Travis Kelce had 14 catches for 100 yards with Taylor Swift watching from a suite. And a defense missing a couple of key players to injuries held Mayfield to 200 yards passing and two touchdowns, and shut down a Tampa Bay running game that managed just 95 yards.

The result was familiar: The Chiefs won their 14th straight dating to last season, the longest streak since Carolina started 14-0 in 2014, and they became just the sixth Super Bowl champ to start 8-0 the following season. They also have won their last eight games when trailing in the second half, including the postseason.

The Buccaneers had their chance when Mayfield hit Ryan Miller in the end zone with 27 seconds to go. But rather than go for the win, Bowles decided to kick the extra point—and Bucs ended up losing for the fourth time in five games.

AP

Kansas City Chiefs running back Kareem Hunt (29) celebrates a win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in overtime of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, in Kansas City, Mo.

"We've got guys who are not going to quit fighting to the end," Tampa Bay wide receiver Sterling Shepard said. "I'm really proud of the group and the way everybody fought. We've just got to clean up some little stuff. And that's what this league is all about."

It was a memorable first half for two players who'd been waiting to play in Arrowhead Stadium.

The Bucs' Rachaad White grew up about 10 minutes away in a tough part of Kansas City, but his family could never afford a ticket for him to see a game. He wound up taking a circuitous path through Division II Nebraska-Kearney and a California junior college to Arizona State, where he eventually became of a third-round pick of Tampa Bay in the 2022 draft.

Two year later, White finally got into Arrowhead—and the end zone. He punctuated his 7-yard scoring run in the second quarter, which gave the Bucs a 7-3 lead, by nearly tossing the football all the way into the second deck.

"I can't even count right now," White said, when asked how many friends and family were watching from those stands.

Then it was Hopkins' turn in his first home game since arriving in Kansas City from a trade with the Titans.

The three-time All-Pro, who already had caught four passes at that point, reeled in a third-down heave from Mahomes amid triple coverage for a 35-yard gain that put the Chiefs inside the Tampa Bay 5. Three plays later, Mahomes found him in the back of the end zone, and Hopkins celebrated his first TD with the Chiefs with a dance from "Remember the Titans."

"That's one of my favorite movies," he said. "I knew if I got in the end zone I was going to remember the Titans."

Tampa Bay tried to seize control with consecutive scoring drives to start the second half. The first ended with a TD pass to Cade Otton, the latest tight end to shred the Chiefs, and Chase McLaughlin's 47-yard field goal gave the Bucs a 17-10 lead.

The Chiefs answered in the fourth quarter, though. Mahomes marched them through the driving rain 70 yards for the tying touchdown pass, which he delivered to Samaje Perine while landing awkwardly and tweaking his left ankle, and then threw a laser to Hopkins on third-and-goal from the Buccaneers 5 to give Kansas City the lead.

Mahomes said later the ankle injury scared him more than hurt him. He was checked in the sideline tent but was quickly back to throwing balls in an effort to stay loose, and he never gave Reid an opportunity to pull him from the game.

"You feel the pain and that scares you," Mahomes said, "because I've dealt with ankles before. But I just kind of laid there and as time went on the pain subsided. I just kind of got to it, and got moving again and felt comfortable going out there."

Tampa Bay promptly went three-and-out after Kansas City took the lead, but its defense got the ball right back, and this time Mayfield calmly led his team down the field. His capped the drive with a touchdown toss to Miller—his first career TD catch—with 27 seconds to go, and Tampa Bay elected to play for overtime.

It wound up being a decision the Buccaneers would regret.

Vikings winning with—not in spite of—Darnold midway through surprise of a season

EAGAN, Minn. (AP)—Sam Darnold has some flaws in his game that, seven years into his NFL career, might well be with him as long as he's in the league.

But in this season of revival for both the quarterback and the team, the Minnesota Vikings are faithfully viewing Darnold as a feature, not a bug.

"This guy can throw the football," coach Kevin O'Connell said after the 21-13 victory over Indianapolis on Sunday night. "I love every aspect of what he's doing within our offense right now."

Darnold had three costly turnovers against the Colts, including his first multiple-interception game this year. He was picked off in the end zone early and around midfield late, both on throws he should have skipped on drives that began after a takeaway by the defense, and he also lost the ball during a vicious sack that turned into a 38-yard touchdown return for the only score by either team in the first half.

"Those are just little minor errors that we can fix easily," wide receiver Justin Jefferson said. "Sam is a phenomenal quarterback."

Holding onto the ball too long has been a recurring theme throughout the career of the 2018 third overall draft pick. He has also tried too many times this year to spin away from pressure, often increasing lost yardage on an inevitable sack. But the good has easily outweighed the bad with Darnold, whose hold on the job in training camp was tenuous until the season-ending knee injury to rookie J.J. McCarthy ended any mystery about who the starter would be.

Darnold's completion rate (69.5 percent) has blown away his career high and ranks seventh in the NFL among current starters, and his average yards per attempt (8.5) is also the best of his career. Perhaps most satisfying to the Vikings (6-2), though, has been his response to the turnover-worthy plays that have popped up. O'Connell hasn't shied away from turning him loose, and neither has Darnold.

"The experience that I've had throughout the league of playing bad games, playing good games, like it's just you continue to learn from experiences. The two interceptions and the fumble, those are experiences that I'll learn from," Darnold said. "You don't want it to happen, but it's part of the game. You've just got to continue to go out there and play football."

What's working

The scheme directed by O'Connell and the route-running talent of the receivers has continued to create open targets for Darnold, taking advantage of the extra attention on Jefferson to productively spread the ball around. Eight different players have touchdown catches. Save for occasional quiet stretches for Jefferson, Darnold has also effectively trusted in Jefferson's talent, O'Connell's play design and his own arm strength to get the ball to the NFL's leading receiver despite constant double-teams.

What needs help

The interior pass protection that many times failed Darnold's predecessor Kirk Cousins remains a work in progress. With veteran Dalton Risner back in the mix, the Vikings have a viable option for replacing right guard Ed Ingram if they feel empowered to make a change. The Colts defensive tackles DeForest Buckner and Grover Stewart gave center Garrett Bradbury and the guards plenty of trouble.

Stock up

Tight end Josh Oliver. The run-blocking specialist, whose playing time will take a bit of a hit with the return of two-time Pro Bowl pick T.J. Hockenson, had a career-high five catches for 58 yards and the game-sealing touchdown against the Colts. He has three scores this season.

Stock down

Running back Ty Chandler. When the season began, the third-year player was on track to push Aaron Jones for time. With Jones averaging a career-high 15.6 carries per game in a vital role in the offense, Chandler has fallen behind recent acquisition Cam Akers on the depth chart. Akers had six carries for 46 yards against the Colts, and Chandler's only snaps came on special teams.

Injury report

Though they've lost one of their most talented players for the rest of the season, left tackle Christian Darrisaw, the Vikings are one of the healthier teams in the league. They're expecting starting linebacker Blake Cashman (toe) back this week from a three-game absence. Their most immediate concern is on special teams with long snapper Andrew DePaola (hand) out for at least a month and the short-term availability of kicker Will Reichard (quadriceps) also in question.

Key number

13—The Vikings lead the NFL in interceptions by two over the next closest teams, having already surpassed their total from last season (11). Their per-game rate (1.63) is their highest since 2003 (1.75).

Up next

Though they play three straight road games at Jacksonville, Tennessee and Chicago, the Vikings have reached the favorable portion of their schedule with only two of their next seven opponents—Arizona (5-4) and Atlanta (6-3)—currently carrying a winning record. Both of those games are at home.

Soto among 13 free agents to receive $21.05M qualifying offers

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Juan Soto, Corbin Burnes and Willy Adames were among 13 free agents who received $21.05 million qualifying offers on Monday.

» Cole staying with Yankees

Pete Alonso, Alex Bregman and Max Fried also were given the one-year offer before Monday's deadline. Players have until 4 p.m. EST on Nov. 19 to accept.

If they do, they will be under contract with their 2024 club for another season. If they decline and sign elsewhere, their new team must forfeit draft picks and their previous organization will receive at least one draft pick as compensation.

In other news Monday, ace pitcher Gerrit Cole decided to remain with the New York Yankees rather than become a free agent.

As a 5 p.m. EST deadline approached, both sides agreed to rescind their rights and worked out the language with Major League Baseball and the players' association.

"Maybe the grass isn't always greener," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "I think he's happy where he's at."

AP

New York Yankees' Juan Soto, right, watches his home run along with Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Will Smith during the third inning in Game 2 of the baseball World Series, Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, in Los Angeles.

Atlanta picked up All-Star designated hitter Marcell Ozuna's $16 million option for 2025 and turned down options on right-hander Luke Jackson and catcher Travis d'Arnaud.

Jackson's option was for $7 million with a $2 million buyout, and d'Arnaud's option was for $8 million with no buyout.

Texas pitcher Nathan Eovaldi became a free agent after declining a $20 million option for next season with the Rangers. Eovaldi will get a $2 million buyout from an option that vested when he threw more than 300 innings over his two years with Texas.

After losing to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series last week, the Yankees made a qualifying offer as expected to Soto — the biggest prize on the free agent market.

Fellow outfielder Teoscar Hernández received a qualifying offer from the Dodgers.

Perhaps the biggest surprise among the group was Boston pitcher Nick Pivetta, who went 6-12 with a 4.14 ERA in 145 2/3 innings this year.

Coming off a surprising run to the National League Championship Series, the New York Mets made qualifying offers to Alonso and starting pitchers Sean Manaea and Luis Severino.

Baltimore offered Burnes and outfielder Anthony Santander.

No other team made more than one qualifying offer.

Brewers' Matt Arnold selected as MLB executive of the year

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee Brewers president of baseball operations Matt Arnold was chosen Major League Baseball's executive of the year after constructing a roster that won a second straight NL Central title in the league's smallest market.

The award is voted on by executives from all 30 MLB teams before the postseason. Arnold is the first Brewers official to win the honor.

Milwaukee went 93-69 and won the NL Central by 10 games after losing manager Craig Counsell to the division-rival Chicago Cubs in the offseason. The Brewers lost a three-game Wild Card Series to the New York Mets.

Arnold's major moves included promoting bench coach Pat Murphy to take over for Counsell as manager and signing young outfielder Jackson Chourio to an eight-year, $82 million contract before he'd ever played a game in the majors. Arnold also traded 2021 NL Cy Young Award winner Corbin Burnes for left-hander DL Hall and third baseman Joey Ortiz.

His acquisitions of Jared Koenig and Bryan Hudson solidified one of baseball's top bullpens. Arnold signed Rhys Hoskins to take over at first base and shored up Milwaukee's rotation by acquiring Aaron Civale and Frankie Montas.

Arnold, 45, joined the Brewers as vice president and assistant general manager in 2015. He was promoted to general manager in November 2020. When David Stearns stepped down as president of baseball operations after the 2022 season, Arnold took over for him.

SURFERS

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Boogie Down at Obyan events and is a consistent surfer who is ready to take on the challenge as well.

The Ripper Classic will have three categories—men's open, women's open, and a drop knee category where the surfers must keep one knee on the bodyboard while surfing.

The Marianas Surf Skate League is a non-profit organization formed to promote the sports of surfing and skateboarding in the CNMI through events, competitions, and youth clinics.

MSSL chair Ed Manibusan Jr. said of his expectation of the surfers, "I expect our competitors to do well at this event. Frank and Te have been getting ready for The Ripper and Boogie Down at Obyan 2024 most of the year. They [have] been surfing consistently at Obyan and other surf spots on Saipan so I know that they will represent the CNMI well this weekend."

As for Guerrero, he said, "we are proud of him also. Mä is another consistent surfer and is ready to go."

He then said, "The Marianas Surf Skate League would like to thank our sponsors that helped us fundraise and donated for this event: MARPAC, Kona Brewing, Ghost Energy Drinks, Atkins Kroll, IT&E, Saipan Skydive, Marianas Visitors Authority, Boarderline, All Star Sporting Goods, The Athletes Foot, Roil Soil, J's Restaurant, SOIS, and Saipan Surf Company. A big thank you to all those that bought fundraising tickets and raffle tickets as well. Un dangkulo na *Si Yu'us Ma'åse yan Tirow."*

GECKOS

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Lee, Bea Gross, Faith Arriola, Neveah Arriola, Windsor Gross, Jude Rayphand, Eunchan Ko, Ryan Kim, David Lee, and Bentley Castro.

The Torchbearers earned second place with their four over five event wins over HMS 2 in the boys/girls doubles, boys singles, and mixed doubles. Meanwhile, the Guardians won three of five events over the Tottots in the boys doubles, girls singles, and mixed doubles.

In Bracket 2, the Geckos 2 team accumulated eight points after eight wins.

They first swept Chacha Ocean View Middle School Lancherus in all five events for five points.

Then, they dropped two events in their match against HMS 1. HMS 1 won the girls singles and girls doubles, while SIS claimed three points in their victory in the boys singles and doubles, and mixed event.

SIS 2's roster included Olivia Zhang, Jamie Whang, Jewel Whang, Selina Santiago, Jiayi Li, Michael Guintu, James Xiong, Noah Santos, Eric Pi, and Wilson Guo.

In second place behind the Geckos is Grace Christian Academy Eagles 1 with 6 points. GCA 1 swept all five events against COVMS, but won just one against ACS 1 in the mixed doubles event.

ACS 1 is in third place with 4 points, which they claimed over GCA 1; HMS 1 is in fourth place with their 2 points they won over SIS, while COVMS is in fifth place with no points.

Results of Bracket 3 will be posted in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune.*

Sydney marathon becomes 7th race in world majors series

SYDNEY (AP)—The Sydney marathon will become the seventh event of the World Marathon Majors series from next year.

World Marathon Majors announced Monday that the Sydney event, which had over 20,000 finishers in its last running in September, had been successful after a three-year candidacy process to join a series of elite events that includes New York, London, Berlin, Boston, Tokyo and Chicago in 2025.

Sydney is the first city in the southern hemisphere to be included as a major and its marathon route takes in some of the most historic landmarks in Australia's biggest city, including the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House.

Kenyan athlete Brimin Misoi and Ethipoa's Workanesh Gurmesa surged to record-breaking victories at this year's Sydney marathon in September.

The next Sydney marathon will take place on Aug. 31.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	7	1	.875	–
New York	3	3	.500	3
Brooklyn	4	4	.500	3
Toronto	2	6	.250	5
Philadelphia	1	5	.167	5
Southeast Division				
Miami	3	3	.500	–
Orlando	3	5	.375	1
Atlanta	3	5	.375	1
Washington	2	4	.333	1
Charlotte	2	5	.286	1½
Central Division				
Cleveland	8	0	1.000	–
Chicago	3	4	.429	4½
Indiana	3	4	.429	4½
Detroit	3	5	.375	5
Milwaukee	1	6	.143	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	4	3	.571	–
Dallas	4	3	.571	–
Memphis	4	4	.500	½
San Antonio	3	4	.429	1
New Orleans	3	5	.375	1½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	7	0	1.000	–
Minnesota	4	3	.571	3
Denver	4	3	.571	3
Portland	3	5	.375	4½
Utah	1	6	.143	6
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	6	1	.857	–
Golden State	6	1	.857	–
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	2
Sacramento	4	3	.571	2
L.A. Clippers	3	4	.429	3

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TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	2	0	.778	260	173
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	171	183
Miami	2	6	0	.250	124	187
New England	2	7	0	.222	141	217
South						
Houston	6	3	0	.667	201	200
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	188	193
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	140	213
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	195	252
North						
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	187	119
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	283	219
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	236	227
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222	148	213
West						
Kansas City	8	0	0	1.000	203	147
L.A. Chargers	5	3	0	.625	159	101
Denver	5	4	0	.556	183	161
Las Vegas	2	7	0	.222	168	251
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East						
Washington	7	2	0	.778	263	189
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	199	155
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	171	225
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222	139	202
South						
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	221	216
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	259	243
Carolina	2	7	0	.222	147	293
New Orleans	2	7	0	.222	207	229
North						
Detroit	7	1	0	.875	258	148
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	209	150
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	230	194
Chicago	4	4	0	.500	172	148
West						
Arizona	5	4	0	.556	207	214
L.A. Rams	4	4	0	.500	170	194
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	210	182
Seattle	4	5	0	.444	210	221

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Middle school shuttlers pose for a group photo during the opening day of games in the 2024-2025 PSS-NMBA Interscholastic Co-ed Middle School Badminton League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last Saturday.

Geckos atop 2 badminton brackets

NMBA

A Saipan International School Geckos player in action during the 2024-2025 PSS-NMBA Interscholastic Co-ed Middle School Badminton League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last Saturday.

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Shuttlers of Saipan International School Geckos are atop two brackets in the 2024-2025 PSS-NMBA Interscholastic Co-ed Middle School Badminton League after their first day of games last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In Bracket 1, the Geckos 1 team leads with 5 points. Agape Christian School Torchbearers 2 are right behind with 4 points; Saipan Community School Guardians have 3 points; Dandan Middle School Tottots have 2; and Hopwood Middle School Hilitais 2 have 1.

SIS stuck it to the Hilitais 2 and swept all five matches in the boys/girls singles, boys/girls doubles, and mixed doubles events—for 5 points.

SIS 1 is made up of Chlorie

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CNMI surfers to make waves in Guam's Ripper Classic

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Boogie Down at Obyan champion surfers Frank Ramon and Vicente "Te" Villagomez as well as Herman "Mä" Guerrero are taking on the tides in the waters off Guam in the Guahan Bodyboarder's Inc. Ripper Classic this weekend, Nov. 9-10.

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File photo showsm, from left, 2nd Annual Boogie Down at Obyan third place winner Jacob Yamagishi, second place Solomon Castro, and first place Vincent "Te" Villagomez posing for a photo with the Inaugural Boogie Down at Obyan winner Frank Ramon, right, and event organizer Edward Manibusan, back, right.

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File photo shows Vincent "Te" Villagomez surfing the lip of a wave during the finals of the 2nd Annual Boogie Down at Obyan last December.

Ramon, a veteran surfer of over 20 years, was the Marianas Surf Skate League's Inaugural Boogie Down at Obyan champion in 2022, while Villagomez, who just made an epic return to surfing last year, was the second annual champion in 2023. Meanwhile, Guerrero also competed in the

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Annual Turkey Trot set for Nov. 28

RUN SAIPAN

Turkey Trot 2022 participants run out of the starting area on their way up to Mt. Tapochau.

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Give thanks and trot your way up Saipan's highest peak in the Northern Marianas Athletics' Mt. Tapochau Turkey Trot 2024 on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24.

The traditional and annual race is kicking off at 6am at Lower Base.

Frozen turkeys await the fastest male and female runners in each age group.

Registration on https://raceroster.com/events/2024/94525/mt-tapochao-turkey-trot-2024 for adults is $10, while it's $5 for 18 years and below.

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr., whose club is helping organize the running event, said they are expecting over 100 runners to tackle the 4.2-mile uphill run. "There are many who have made it a family tradition for over 40 years or so," he said.

Submit your photo during the race for a chance to win the "Favorite photo" award. Tag and follow @nmiathletics on Facebook and Instagram.

Last year, student athlete Victor Nash Santos won first place overall with a time of 39:48:88, while Dr. Lily Muldoon was the fastest in the women's division at 44:46.38.

The 2024 Turkey Trot is sponsored by Run Saipan, Joeten Enterprises, IT&E CNMI, Triple J Group of Companies, MARPAC, and Saipan Vegas Resort.